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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Title: GENERATION OF XENOGENEIC ANTIBODIES

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The Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

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Dear Sir:

Attention of the Office is called to the enclosed PCT application WO 92/03918 assigned to GenPharm
International, Inc. and cited on the attached PTO Form 1449 to ensure consideration by the Office. This published application is not a reference with respect to the claims pending herein as its publication date is 19 March 1992 whereas the present claims are entitled to the benefit of the original filing date in this series of applications, 12 January 1990. However, claims 16-35, for example, in the GenPharm PCT application are directed to transgeneic non-human animals which contain xenogeneic antibody encoding genes. This subject matter overlaps at least to some extent with the subject matter claimed herein.

It is noted that the enclosed GenPharm PCT application claims priority from two U.S. filed applications filed 29 August 1990 and 31 August 1990. These two applications, U.S. 574,748 and U.S. 575,962 and/or any

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descendants are putatively pending at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. The priority date for these applications is approximately eight months subsequent to the priority date claimed herein. Nevertheless, attention of the Office is called to the existence of this series of applications assigned to GenPharm International, Inc. It is assumed that if the Office is aware of the copendency of the GenPharm applications with that herein, the disclosures of the present application can be taken into account in relation to the prosecution of the GenPharm applications with respect to priority of invention.

Consideration of this copending subject matter is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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